

American Recovery and Reinvestment  
Act of 2009

## Overview of ARRA Timelines for State Energy Program & Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Programs

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# Goals of Workshop

- Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Programs the Energy Commission will administer
- What is in the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant and State Energy Program Application
- Timeline and Process for Developing Programs
- How You Can Participate in Development of Programs
- Feedback on Today's Workshop



# What Will Not Be Covered in Workshop

- Program Ideas You May Have for Spending Funds
- The Rules That Will Govern the Distribution of Funds
- Details of Other Federal Energy Funding Programs That Will Not be Administered by the Energy Commission



# Topics

- Governor's Executive Order S-02-09
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)  
Programs to be Administered by Energy  
Commission
- Guiding Principles for Use of ARRA funds
- Overarching Goals For Program Priorities
- ARRA Timelines for Development of Programs,  
Guidelines and Release of Funds
- More Information



# Governor's Executive Order S-02-09 (March 27, 2009)

- Ensure California receives optimal benefit
- Establishes systematic method for collecting information for the uses, status, outcomes and accountability of funds.
- Ensures public accessibility, provide transparency, conduct auditing and accountability of funds
- Establish inter-agency agreements within state government to pursue legislation, or both, to ensure necessary resources.
- Visit: [www.recovery.ca.gov](http://www.recovery.ca.gov)



# Governor's Executive Order S-02-09 (March 27, 2009)

- Establishes California Recovery Task Force
  - Chief Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer of the Dept. of Finance
  - Chief Information Office
  - Director of the governor's Constituent Affairs Office
  - Chief Deputy Director of Communications
  - Top ranking members of state agencies and departments



# ARRA Formula Energy Appropriations

- \$3.1 billion State Energy Program (SEP)
  - Energy Commission will receive \$226 million
- \$3.2 billion Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
  - California local governments (large cities and counties) will receive a direct award of more than \$302 million
  - Energy Commission is will receive \$49.6 million
    - Small cities and counties will receive about \$29 million through the Energy Commission



# ARRA Program Implementation Overarching Principles

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Verification
- Risk Mitigation





# Overarching Goals for Program Priorities

- Degree of effectiveness in **stimulating the economy**, reducing energy use, attracting or retaining energy industries, and creating jobs in California.
- Potential to **expend money efficiently**, with administrative accountability and efficiency, including augmenting or leveraging existing state, federal, local and private programs.
- Potential to develop long-term, self-sustaining energy programs and **leverage public and private funding**.



# Overarching Goals for Program Priorities cont'd

- Potential to **achieve lasting and measurable energy benefits** consistent with the Integrated Energy Policy Report and Energy Action Plan “loading order”.
- Potential to **meet California’s energy policy goals** as defined by the Integrated Energy Policy Reports, ARB Scoping Plan, and Energy Action Plan, the Bioenergy Action Plan, energy legislation, and other relevant policy documents.



# State Energy Program

- Energy Commission will receive \$226 million
  - Historically State Energy Program appropriations to California were \$1-3 million annually
- Types of activities allowed under State Energy Program
  - Implementing residential, commercial building, industrial and transportation energy efficiency programs
  - Expanding distributed generation, renewable energy and public education programs
  - Conducting any activity to improve energy efficiency, increase use of renewable energy or increase energy efficiency and economic development.



# State Energy Program

- Energy Commission Focus
  - Green Workforce Development
  - Nonresidential Building Efficiency and Clean Energy Retrofits
  - Residential Building Efficiency and Clean Energy Retrofits



# State Energy Program Timeline

- Application due to DOE: May 12, 2009
- DOE approval expected: July-Sept 2009
- CEC guideline development: April–July 2009
- Budget authority to expend funds: July 2009
- Anticipated first round of funding awards: Sept 2009
- All SEP funds must be encumbered by Sept 30, 2010 and fully drawn down by April 30, 2012



# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

- \$3.2 billion nationally
  - 68% to local governments (directly to cities > 35,000 and counties > 200,000 population)
  - 28% to state energy offices
  - 2% to tribes
  - 2% competitive grants
- California local governments will receive over \$302 million
- Energy Commission will receive \$49.6 million (and a portion goes to small cities and counties)
- Department of Energy guidelines released on March 27
  - State application due May 26, 2009
  - Local Government applications due June 25, 2009



# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

- Assist cities and counties in implementing energy efficiency and conservation projects and strategies to:
  - Create or retain energy jobs
  - Reduce emissions from fossil fuels created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of eligible entities;
  - Reduce total energy use;
  - Develop renewable energy; and
  - Improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors.



# Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Timeline

- Application due to DOE: May 26, 2009
- DOE approval expected: Aug-Sept 2009
- CEC guideline development: April–July 2009
- Budget authority to expend funds: July 2009
- Anticipated first round of funding awards: Sept 2009

Note that EECBG funds earmarked for small counties and cities must be encumbered 6 months after DOE plan approval (~Feb 2010) and fully drawn down 3 years after plan approval





# Written Feedback on Today's Workshop

Send comments by e-mail to:

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Or send written comments to:  
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Special Projects Office  
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